

No Excuses

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“Make no excuses. They take too long to explain anyway.”

True story... Several years ago, as a young entrepreneur I was preparing for a really important meeting. Well I pulled out my favorite suit and thought that I had selected my navy pumps. Well I didn't. I actually selected one navy and one black. Both patent leather and same height. Well it wasn't until I was walking around their facility that I noticed that I had on two different shoes. So, did my new client. Well, not one to make excuses and having a pretty large sense of humor, I told him that I could not decide on navy or black, so I wore one of each. He smiled and raised his pant leg above his ankles and showed me two different socks. I was not alone. And both of us laughed because later we admitted that we were excited about the meeting and wanted to make a good impression.

Part of becoming a woman in leadership means that there is little room for excuses. This can be an easy trap to fall into when things go wrong. But know that this is your opportunity to build character and integrity if you “handle your business correctly” as a woman in charge should.

The latter takes skills and finesse that is crafted over time. Additionally, one has to acknowledge the shortcoming and move on with a defined plan to ensure the performance the caused you to generate the “almost excuse,” is not repeated.

Job 31:4 speaks about our ordered steps. It is when we deviate from those pre-defined steps that shortcomings occur. And the temptation to make excuses happen.

I think in one of my earlier blogs, I spoke about things happen. That is called “living life” if you are truly in the game. Believe me, those in your universe are relieved to know that you are human and that mistakes happen to you like anyone else. And you are probably your own worst critic, which is why the “almost excuses” are composed.

Word of advice 1) Process your steps, they really are predefined. It is when you step off the pre-determined path that the need for excuses are introduced. 2) Acknowledge. Just in case you missed that. It is the opposite of denial, hint... hint. 3) Establish a course of strength through corrective action and transparency. 4) Move on... QUICKLY!!!